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CIA Serves Well, Bray Tells Critics

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WASHINGTON—The impression that the Central Intelligence Agency is "a free-wheeling apparatus of super-spies" is false, an Indiana congressman has said.

Rep. William G. Bray, R-Ind., answered critics of the agency, under fire on Capitol Hill, saying:

"It is in good hands and, despite its detractors, continues to do a valuable service for us all."

The congressman questioned creation of a special Senate-House committee to oversee the secret agency. Both the Senate and House have subcommittees with CIA under their jurisdiction.

Bray, a member of the House group, said the present setup has worked well.

The Martinsville Republican said much unwarranted criticism has been sounded about the agency and pointed out CIA officials "cannot rush out with denials of such charges nor offer detailed explanations of its activities."

This has created much "doubt and confusion" about the agency, particularly in times of international unrest and intrigue, Bray added.

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